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After over four years, the Commonwealth Ports Authority has officially broken ground on the construction of a new commuter terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport after the previous one was wrecked in the onslaught of Super Typhoon Yutu back in 2018.

The CNMI administration and community stakeholders joined CPA yesterday to break ground on the project, officially kickstarting the over $9.7-million construction work that is expected to be

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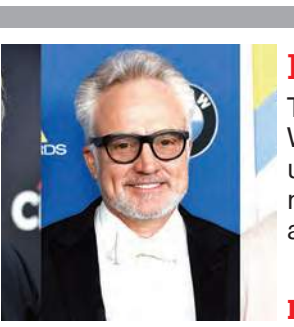

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Pre-Thanksgiving leave OK'd for non-essential employees

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres granted yesterday administrative leave for all non-critical government employees after 12pm tomorrow, Wednesday, in line with the Thanksgiving Day celebration.

Torres, in his memorandum addressed to all department and activity heads, said he is authorizing all non-essential employees of the government's Executive Branch to take the administrative leave in the spirit of thanks.

"During this time of the year, we remind ourselves of the importance of giving thanks," he said.

The governor thanked the community for continuing to look out for one another as the CNMI moves into "a new phase of recovery."

"I thank you all for your mutual kindness and cooperation, as you have played an immense role in our progress as a Commonwealth," Torres said.

He urged people this Thanksgiving Day Thursday to celebrate the community's resilience, love and care for one another, and the successes that the CNMI has achieved from working together.

"My family, my administration, and I wish you and your loved ones many blessings, good health, and a happy and safe Thanksgiving," Torres said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Alcohol ban on runoff election day

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, through the Office of the Secretary of Commerce, gave notice to the public yesterday that the sale of alcoholic drinks will be prohibited on Nov. 25, 2022, which is the runoff election day in the CNMI, except in places allowed by law.

This prohibition shall apply from 7am to 7pm on Nov. 25, 2022.

In a directive yesterday, Torres said that, in accordance with Title 4, Section 5557(a) of the Commonwealth Code, "an on-sale or off-sale licensee shall not sell or serve alcoholic beverages on any island where an election is in progress during the hours when the polls are required by law to be opened for voting, except as otherwise provided."

However, this alcohol ban shall not apply to on-sale licensees operating within the sterile passenger holding areas in commercial airports, hotels, hotel resorts, golf resorts, casino resorts, and on Managaha Island.

To report a violation, contact the Department of Commerce's Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco Control Division hotline at (670) 285-1821. All calls received are handled confidentially and anonymously. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Survey seeks public input on Marianas global brand options

As part of its development process for a new global brand for the Marianas, the Marianas Visitors Authority is inviting the public to weigh in on its top three ideas.

A public survey has been launched at https://www.mymarianas.com/mva-global-brand/ for the top three proposed designs. Voting will be open until Nov. 30, 2022, and the MVA will take the public's opinion into consideration in its design process and final selection.

The new global brand aims to be a clear identity for the Marianas that is recognizable and that resonates with the worldwide travel community that the Marianas is a desirable destination to visit.

Scan the QR code to take the Marianas Visitors Authority's survey on its top three global branding ideas for the Marianas. The survey is open at https://www.mymarianas.com/mva-global-brand/ through Nov. 30, 2022. MVA

"The new global brand under development will express the Marianas' identity with a clear and effective message that can be used with residents, businesses, and visitors," said MVA acting managing director Judy C. Torres. "We welcome everyone in the community to vote to help determine what resonances most with our community."

In Option 1, the design pattern mimics the chain of the 14 archipelago. The design makes it possible to highlight Saipan, Tinian or Rota when required.

In Option 2, the tagline is written with one stroke to express a single chain that comprises the Mariana Islands. It includes a latte stone and canoe sail motif.

Option 3 features a Latte Stone (land), canoe sail (sea) and a sea bird (air). This signifies the three parts of the brand—land, sea, and air, as also seen on the CNMI state quarter. ***(MVA)***

USDA awards $1.3M to CHCC to improve operations, patient care

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development awarded Thursday more than $1.3 million to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to help improve its medical operations and patient care, according to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP).

Sablan

In his *e-kilili* newsletter over the weekend, Sablan said $953,000 of the $1.3 million will be used to renovate and upgrade all 86 patient rooms at the Saipan hospital, with 16 of the rooms to be converted to airborne infection isolation rooms.

Funding will also be used to purchase new furniture, fixtures, equipment, and break area spaces for medical and nursing staff.

Sablan said the remaining $391,500 will be used to purchase various computers and related equipment to support CHCC's dialysis treatment program.

This funding, he said, will partly go toward various facility improvements in the Rota clinic. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

USCIS recommendations for paper filings to avoid scanning delays

As we move toward an increasing electronic environment, we now scan and upload many documents into electronic database systems. To avoid delays and improve scanning efficiency, we recommend that you ***DO NOT***:

■ Hole punch, staple, paper clip, binder clip, or otherwise attach documents to one another.

■ Include photos or documents smaller than 4x6 inches for evidentiary purposes. Provide photocopies of these items instead. The only exception is when we request a passport photo with the filing.

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■ Send original documents such as birth certificates, marriage certificates, driver's licenses, passports, naturalization certificates, *except* when:

■ Required by the form instructions for the application, petition, or request you are filing; or

■ We specifically issue a request for you to submit an original document.

Avoiding these activities will improve our efficiency as we process your application, petition, or request. ***(USCIS)***

MVA joins Rota Mayor's Office for Yard Decorating Contest

As part of its Christmas in the Marianas celebration, the Marianas Visitors Authority is partnering with the Rota Mayor's Office in organizing a Christmas Yard Decorating Competition for Rota residences.

Registration is open for Rota homeowners at the Rota Mayor's Office until 2:30pm on Dec. 9, 2022. Judging will be held on Dec. 13, 2022.

"We're very pleased to again partner with the Rota Mayor's Office on another great program for our community, this time enhancing the Christmas spirit for both our residents and visitors to enjoy," said MVA Rota field operations supervisor David Atalig. "Let's come together and make this a merry Christmas for everyone!"

"The theme this year is, 'It is Christmas in the Heart That Puts Christmas in the Air!'" said Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig. "I want our people to feel the holiday spirit, and this program is a great way to promote and instill that in our community. We are hoping that our people will participate in this program and continue to spread the holiday cheer and promote peace, love and joy."

The MVA and Rota Mayor's Office are sponsoring cash prizes for the competition: $1,000 for first place, $700 for second place, and $500 for third place. ***(MVA)***

GOP sign vandalized with opponent's banter

The billboard of the Republican Party headquarters in Garapan has been vandalized, with the words "AD all the way" spray painted on the sign. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

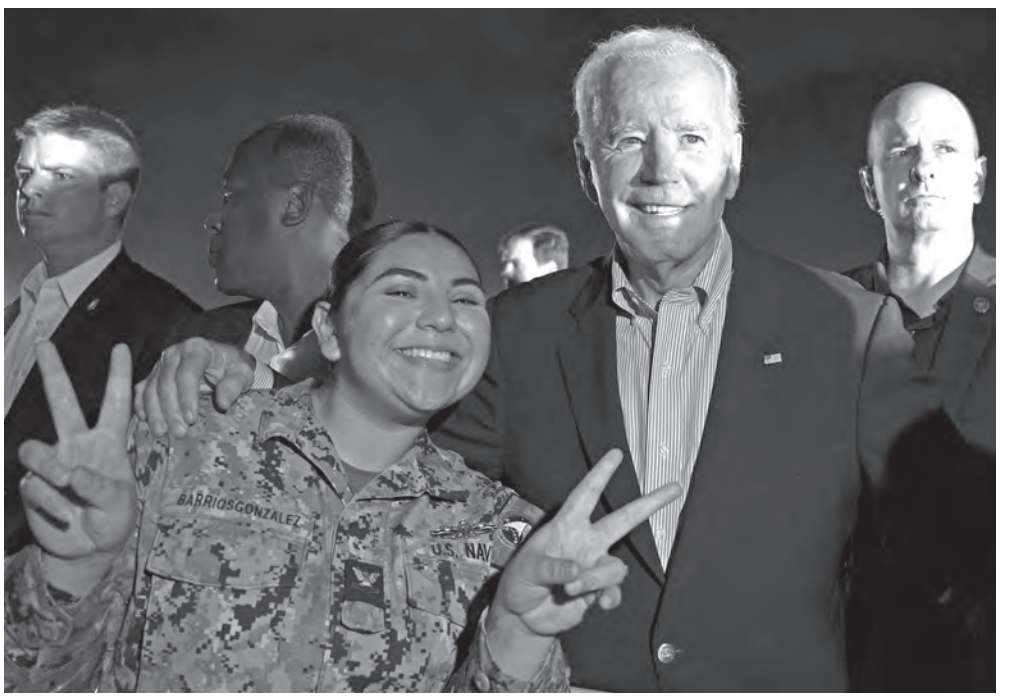
The outside billboard of the Republican Party headquarters in Garapan has been vandalized, with the words "AD all the way" spray painted on the sign.

On or about Nov. 20, 2022 it was discovered that one of the banners on the outside of the headquarter had been vandalized. The graffiti was posted in bright blue spray paint for all to see in one of the busiest intersections of the CNMI.

"This is not surprising. It has been an ugly political season and this is just another day of it. We do not condone anything like this and plain and simple, it justifies their campaign of dirty politics," said Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

The party is asking the public for any information on the culprits of this act of vandalism.

The Torres-Sablan campaign invites anyone with any information to reach out to the Republican Party directly at (670) 484-1206. ***(PR)***



BIDEN VISITS GUAM

President Joe Biden visits Andersen Air Force Base, Guam last Nov. 16, 2022. Biden took the time to meet and speak with members of Team Andersen before departing to his next destination.

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CPA

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completed by May 2024.

According to CPA executive director Chris Tenorio, instead of renovating the existing 8,800-square-foot building, CPA decided instead to build a whole new commuter terminal that is expected to be about 10,000 square feet.

"In October 2018, Super Typhoon Yutu struck the CNMI, causing substantial damage to the islands of Tinian and Saipan. Unfortunately, this building fell victim to the storm's rage, resulting in it being determined condemned. Although it was four years ago, delays due to insurance proceeds, the COVID-19 pandemic, and design changes extended the bidding of the project. CPA continued to work diligently to get the commuter replaced; and instead of renovating the existing 8,800-square-foot building, it was decided to replace it with a new one for our interisland traveling public, with over 10,000 square feet of interior space," he said.

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The new building will include updated amenities like an additional airline counter and office space for a total of four, a larger footprint for arrival and departure areas and a public access office for the U.S. Customs Border Protection. It will also have a food and beverage concession area and upgraded restrooms.

"We express our appreciation to the design team of GHID, the construction management team of Hofschneider Engineering, and the hardworking CPA folks that made this project a reality. CPA looks forward to working closely with Hong Ye Rental and Construction for the completion of this project in a timely manner," he said.

According to CPA board chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds, the initial plan was to renovate the wrecked facility. However, later assessments found that the original structure has outlived its purpose and it's finally time to build a new, modern commuter terminal.

"At first we were trying to decide whether or not we were going to renovate and repair what was damaged by Yutu. But when we were doing an assessment of the whole building, [it was determined that] it's just old and it's outlived its purpose, given basically the expanded footprint that we're seeing in terms of interisland commuter travel. So it's time that we build a new one. Now, not only will we be tearing this down and building a new one, we will also be building a covered walkway," she said.

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tially granted for USA Fanter Corp. LTD., but has now been assumed by former IPI employees and a handful of IPI's' other creditors.

Joshua Gray, who is suing IPI in the U.S. District Court for the NMI for wrongful termination, wrongful failure to hire, and intentional infliction of emotional distress, has filed a motion to participate in the limited receivership that is currently being carried out by Clear Management Ltd.

Gray, who previously asked that the court to grant him an over $20-million default judgment in his lawsuit against IPI, had asked the court to allow him to participate in the receivership back in October, but IPI opposed the motion and Gray has yet to file a response.

Now Gray, through his lawyer, Aaron Halegua, is asking the court to extend the time he is allowed to reply until Dec. 12, 2022.

"The next auction sale by the limited receiver is not scheduled until Dec. 9, 2022, and there are several sales scheduled thereafter. Therefore, the extension of time should not cause any disruption to that process," Gray stated through his lawyer.

The motion further explained that Gray's attorney has other obligations and needs additional time to file a response to IPI's opposition.

"Gray's counsel also has several other obligations in the coming days, including that one co-counsel is leaving Saipan, and thus an extension of time is needed to adequately prepare the reply brief. Gray has not previously requested any extension of time for this brief, and the extension will not impact any other deadlines," Halegua said.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona Manglona has since granted the extension.

Meanwhile, during a confirmation hearing last week to confirm the sales generated from the Oct. 7 auction, the Commonwealth, through attorney Dustin Rollins, also made a verbal motion to participate in the limited receivership over an unsatisfied judgment of over $9 million.

Manglona addressed the Commonwealth's motion and heard Rollins' arguments that the CNMI intends to pursue its rights regarding tax liens.

IPI did not oppose the CNMI's motion to participate but requested to reserve the right to object.

In addition, Clear Management, through its attorney, Michael White, has informed the court that aside from the creditors who assumed the receivership and the creditors seeking to participate in the receivership, IPI has yet to satisfy court judgments for 21 other creditors in both federal and local court.

The creditors include:

■ Sardini Group Inc., who has an outstanding $1,901,307 claim against IPI. They have also notified the court of their intent to participate in the receivership.

■ Art Man Environmental Corp. has a claim against IPI on a construction contract in the amount of $83,555.78. Art Man has notified the federal court of its intent to participate in the receivership.

■ Winzy Corp. has a claim against IPI in the amount of $179,217.50. They too want to partake in the receivership.

■ J.M. Aquino, P.C. has a claim against IPI for engineering services in the amount of $190,648. J.M. Aquino has notified the federal court of its intent to participate in the receivership.

■ Tang's Corp. has a claim against IPI in the amount of $331,023.52. Tang's Corp. has notified the court of its intent to participate in the receivership.

■ Zhen's Corp. has a claim against IPI for unpaid meals in the amount of $10,202.95. Zhen Corp. notified the federal court of its intent to participate in the receivership.

■ Yantze Corp. has a claim against IPI in the amount of $248,000 and has also notified the federal court of its intent to participate in the receivership.

■ RC LLC has a claim against IPI for manpower services in the amount of $69,722.25 and intends to participate in the receivership.

■ Yu's LLC. has a claim against IPI in the amount of $38,512. The plaintiff has notified the federal court of its intent to participate in the receivership.

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they throw names in there, [saying that they] have been paid. Again misinformation. False allegations. I mean, this is the practice that they have been doing," said Torres in an interview.

The governor said he is glad that the Bank of Saipan, which is the administering authority for the BOOST Program, came out and clarified those information that his critics "have been throwing rocks."

"And I hope that the community sees that. You want information, ask for it. You get that information you need, instead of going out and trying to bash other innocent hardworking people," said Torres, without elaborating it.

The Office of the Governor issued a "Rumor Control" advisory over the weekend where it said that rumors about Shayne Villanueva and Robert Travilla having received BOOST grant funds as a result of political involvement is false. Villanueva and Travilla are reportedly involved in the campaign activities of Torres and his running mate, Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan).

Sablan, in the same interview with Torres, said it is all about providing assistance to the community. "And that's exactly what this is, whether it's the BOOST Program, whether it's the Office of Energy, or Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, and all the community resource programs, and government resource programs—all of it is providing assistance and to help…our people, to comfort them, to improve their quality of life," Sablan said.

The senator said if the committees need information and ask for it, the information will be given. "But that's not [going to] stop the administration and us in providing the needed assistance to our people. They need help, we'll be there to assist them," Sablan said.

The Ways and Means Committee and Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations have sought information from the Department of Finance and Department of Commerce about BOOST Program. ***(See banner story).***

SUBPOENA

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Ways and Means and Judiciary and Governmental Operations agreed during a joint meeting in the House chamber to issue a subpoena to the Department of Finance, Department of Commerce, the Office of the Governor, and Bank of Saipan to compel them to produce the BOOST records.

This comes even as Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig had already written last Friday to Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota) and JGO committee chair Rep. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan) to inform them that their request for information about the BOOST Program had already been forwarded to BOS, which is the administering authority for the program.

Atalig also told Babauta and Manglona that when he received the committees' request for BOOST documents, he and Commerce Secretary Edward M. Deleon Guerrero were off-island.

Babauta and Manglona had initially given Atalig and Deleon Guerrero until Friday, Nov. 18, to provide the BOOST records.

The BOOST Program is a project of the Office of the Governor and the Department of Commerce that aims to provide financial assistance to CNMI businesses and nonprofit organizations.

At yesterday's joint committee session, after a long discussion about the program, it was Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) who moved to issue the subpoena.

All seven JGO members present voted "yes" to the motion: Babauta, vice speaker Rep. Blas Jonathan T. Attao (Ind-Saipan), Sablan, Manglona, Edwin K. Propst (D-Saipan), Richard T. Lizama (D-Saipan), and Vicente Camacho (D-Saipan).

All 10 Ways and Means Committee members present voted "yes." They were Manglona, Reps. Corina L. Magofna (Ind-Saipan), Babauta, Vicente Camacho, Lizama, Propst, Sablan, Joel Camacho (R-Saipan), Leila Staffler (D-Saipan), and Denita K. Yangetmai (D-Saipan). Two members were absent.

In her motion, Rep. Christina Sablan said the requested records are list of applicants who have been awarded and the amount awarded, and applicants who have been denied or still awaiting disposition. The other records requested are contracts awarded such as administration, marketing, advertising, event planning, or other aspects of the program, any guidance regulations requirements internal or otherwise governing the administration of this program, as well as correspondence related to the administration of the program, and any criteria or rubrics used in reviewing the applications.

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$10K bail set for man who allegedly strangled his girlfriend

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The Superior Court has imposed a $10,000 cash bail on a man accused of strangling his girlfriend because she hadn't texted him to ask how he was doing.

Superior Court Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan imposed last week a $10,000 cash bail on Michael Jordan Palacios Cabrera, who is accused of strangling his girlfriend after a heated argument over the victim's failure to text him.

Cabrera, 34, is facing charges of assault and battery, strangulation, and disturbing the peace.

Following his bail hearing and initial appearance, the judge remanded Cabrera back to Department of Corrections custody and ordered him return to court for a preliminary hearing on Nov. 23 at 10am. The judge set Camacho's arraignment on Nov. 28 at 9am.

According to court documents, Department of Public Safety officers were dispatched to a residence on Capital Hill last Nov. 16 to respond to a disturbance report that was called in earlier that evening.

At the scene, police met with the victim who said that she was physically assaulted by Cabrera and he had already left the residence.

Police stated that they noticed the victim had a small cut on her lower lip, scratch marks on her right hand and right thigh, and a scratch mark on her lower right cheek.

Camacho was later found at Club 88 poker in Garapan and was arrested.

The victim told investigators that she got into an argument with Cabrera on the afternoon of Nov. 15 because she did not send him a text message asking him how he was doing.

That evening, Cabrera went to the woman's apartment and asked her if he could talk with her. She said she let him in to hear him out.

As they were talking on the balcony, the victim said Cabrera got angry and locked her out. When he unlocked the door to let her in, Cabrera allegedly grabbed her phone before pushing her to the floor. The victim said she hit the back of her head on the floor, which made her feel dizzy.

She said that Cabrera kicked her twice on both legs while she was down on the floor.

When she got back up, the victim said she grabbed her phone back from Cabrera, but he slapped her in the face multiple times, knocking her down again.

She said she managed to get up and run into the bathroom but Cabrera chased after her and she was unable to close the door fast enough. Cabrera allegedly took the woman's phone again but she wouldn't let him. The victim claims she tried to scream but Cabrera allegedly used one arm to cover her nose and mouth, preventing her from breathing while reportedly using his other arm to push the back of her head forward for leverage. As she was about to pass out, Cabrera let her go and left.

MCS ACADEMIC HONORS

Mount Carmel School congratulates these students for making it to the President's List and Honor Roll for the first quarter of school year 2022-2023.

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Benz Elliott Santos
Brayden Kane Taguchi
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Cecilia R. Villagomez
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Cyril Michael Pangilinan
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Nov. 25 is runoff election day holiday

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres issued a memorandum yesterday to remind all department and activity heads as well as all government employees that Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, is the date designated by the Commonwealth Election Commission as the runoff election day, making it a legal holiday in the Commonwealth.

Accordingly, all non-essential government workers are granted holiday leave on Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, the Office of the Governor memo stated. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

SAIPAN HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
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NOTICE OF REGULAR SHEFA BOARD MEETING

In accordance with 1 CMC § 9901 *et seq*., as amended, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA) Board is hereby giving notice of its regular board meeting, to be held on November 23rd, 2022 at 9:30 a.m., Office of SHEFA conference room, 2nd Floor, CTC Building, Oleai, Beach Road, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. **Preliminary Matters**
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes from September 29, 2022
II. **Public Comment (s)**
III. **Committee Reports**
a. Committee on Awards
b. Committee on Appeal/Deferments/Forbearance
c. Committee on Policy and Procedures
d. Committee on Program and Development
e. Committee of Fiscal, Legislative, and Community Affairs
IV. **Administrator's Report**
V. **Chairman's Report**
VI. **Old Business**
1. Proposal to increase the grant-in-aid for on-island and online recipients the match the award of off-island recipients, *upon availability of funds.*
2. Discussion to temporarily suspend awards for advanced degrees.
3. Proposal to extend the financial assistance to 3 years for recipients pursuing an associate's degree within the healthcare field.
VII. **New Business**
1. Fall 2022 application status
VIII. **Executive Session**
IX. **Miscellaneous Matters**
X. **Next Meeting**
XI. **Adjournment**

/s/ Oscar M. Babauta,
Chairman, Board of SHEFA Directors

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Request for Proposals for: CPA Concession No. CRS-2022-01

Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport "Car Rental Concession" CPA-RFP-011-22

The Commonwealth Ports Authority ("CPA" or "Authority") is soliciting proposals for the award of one (1) concession granting the privilege to provide motor vehicle rental services to the traveling public (including the provision of insurance related to motor vehicles rented in the operation of such motor vehicle rental services) at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport ("Car Rental Concession"). The successful proposer will be expected to provide motor vehicle rental services in accordance with its concession and concession agreement at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport for a period of eighteen (18) months (contract to end on 05/31/2024) upon entering into a concession agreement with the Authority.

The date of issuance of CPA-RFP-011-22 is **October 12, 2022**, and it can be obtained at the issuing office: CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport.

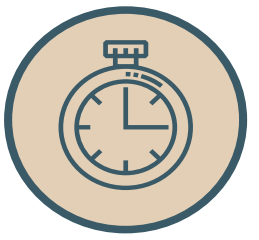
Proposals must be addressed to Commonwealth Ports Authority, Attn: Car Rental Concessions Evaluation Committee, CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950; and submitted to and received by the CPA Administration Office (second floor of arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport) **by or before 4:00 p.m. on November 22, 2022**, at which time the proposal period shall expire. Proposals must be accompanied with a non-refundable administrative fee of $100.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, or cashier's check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority to defray the costs associated with handling and considering the proposal. Proposals are not required to include a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to cancel this RFP and to reject any and all proposals in accordance with its Concession Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 40-70).

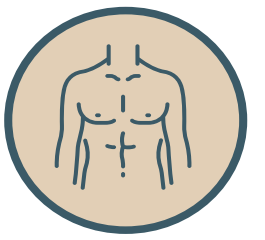
/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

19 Workout Quotes That'll Help Get You Through Your Workouts

The hardest thing about exercise is to start doing it. Once you are doing exercise regularly, the hardest thing is to stop it.– **Erin Gray**

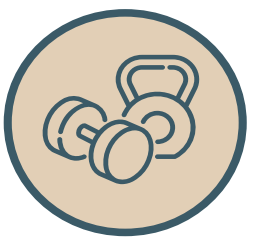


My father used to say that it's never too late to do anything you want to do. And he said, 'You never know what you can accomplish until you try. – **Michael Jordan**

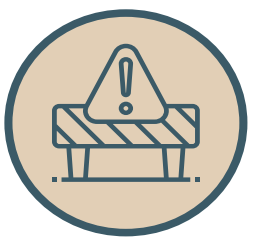


Take care of your body. It's the one place you have to live." – **Jim Rohn**

What I know for sure is this: The big secret in life is that there is no big secret. Whatever your goal for this year is, you can get there – as long as you're willing to be honest with yourself about the preparation and work involved. There are no back doors, no free rides. There's just you, this moment, and a choice." – **Oprah**



Going to the gym is great for your body, but it's also great for your mind." – **Rory McIlroy**



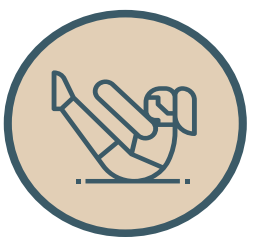
"Obstacles can't stop you. Problems can't stop you. People can't stop you. Only you can stop you." – **Jeffrey Gitomer**

When I feel tired, I just think about how great I will feel once I finally reach my goal." – **Michael Phelps**

Success isn't always about 'greatness', it's about consistency. Consistent, hard work gains success. Greatness will come." – **Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson**

All progress takes place outside the comfort zone." – **Michael John Bobak**

Eat clean, stay fit, and have a burger to stay sane." – **Gigi Hadid**



Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body, it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity." – **John F. Kennedy**

Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I can accomplish what others can't." – **Jerry Rice**

"We can push ourselves further. We always have more to give." – **Simone Biles**

Exercise should be regarded as tribute to the heart." – **Gene Tunney**

I know that if I set my mind to something, even if people are saying I can't do it, I will achieve it." – **David Beckham**

"Absorb what is useful, discard what is not, add what is uniquely your own." — **Bruce Lee**

The last three or four reps is what makes the muscle grow. This area of pain divides the champion from someone else who is not a champion. That's what most people lack, having the guts to go on and just say they'll go through the pain no matter what happens." —**Arnold Schwarzenegger**

Don't count the days, make the days count." — **Muhammad Ali**

Proper nutrition is the difference between feeling exhausted and getting the most out of a workout." —**Summer Sanders**

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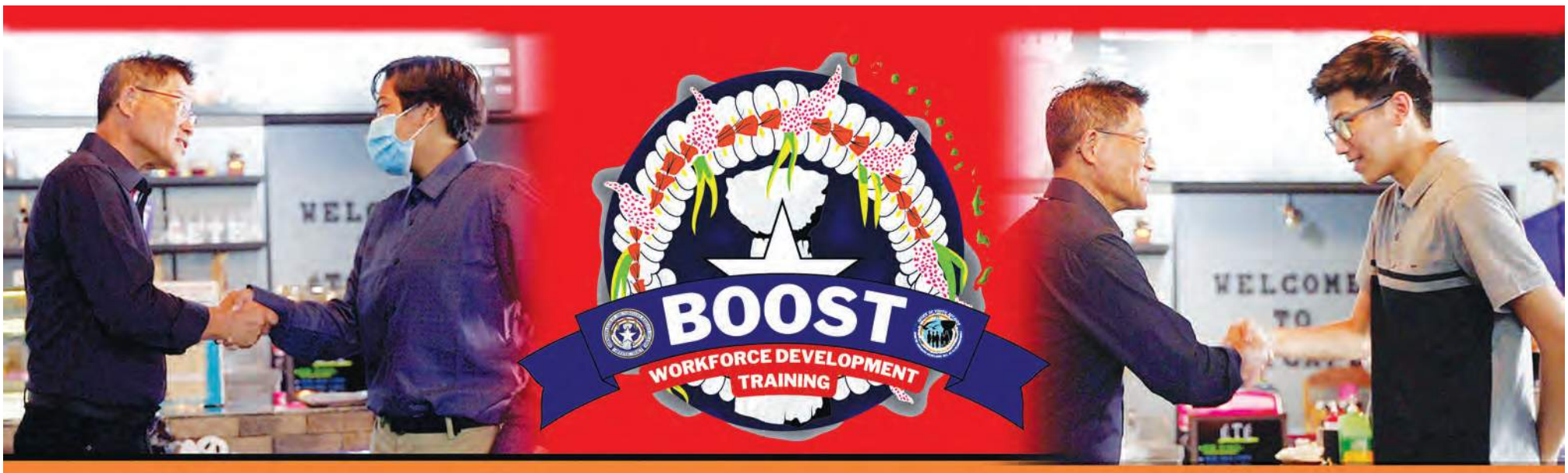

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WEDNESDAY

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America's return to the moon could spur science and renewed national purpose

NASA's Artemis program is edging toward a return to the moon—this time to stay—with its successful launch this week of an uncrewed rocket. Some Americans looking at the Earth-bound problems all around us might reasonably ask: Why? The answer is not just about the scientific discovery that a permanent presence on the moon promises but also the much-needed sense of national purpose it could recapture.

Humanity's first climb to the moon began, rhetorically at least, in September 1962, when President John F. Kennedy defined the purpose of the endeavor: "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things not because they are easy, but because they are hard." Just seven years later, Neil Armstrong became the first human to set foot on an extraterrestrial surface.

The motivation for that astounding feat was, first and foremost, geopolitical. Beating the Soviet Union to the moon was another front in the Cold War, one that united Americans. The significant scientific discovery and spinoff technology that the moon missions spurred—including computer-miniaturization capabilities that ultimately made possible the laptop or cellphone on which you may be reading this editorial right now—were almost incidental.

There's no Cold War driving things this time, which necessitates a little more explanation as to why America is returning to what it is, after all, a large cold rock in space.

First, there is the science and the basic human drive for exploration—both worthy ends in themselves. The ultimate goal, with private companies providing heavy input, is to establish a permanent moon base as a jumping-off point for exploration of Mars and beyond.

Moon rocks and soil samples collected during the Apollo missions added immensely to scientists' understanding of the origins of the moon, Earth and the rest of the solar system. Modern testing methods, more advanced than what was available half a century ago, could add to that understanding, especially if astronauts are able to conduct experiments on the moon itself while living there.

That possibility has grown with the discovery a few years ago that water is trapped within the moon's seemingly barren surface. If it can be extracted and processed, it could provide not only drinking water for astronauts, but breathable air and even hydrogen rocket fuel.

Although there is no more Soviet Union to race with, geopolitical factors remain. China is planning to build and staff a lunar base in the coming decades. Allowing a global adversary that kind of scientific and strategic foothold—in orbit right above us—would be not just disheartening but potentially dangerous.

Finally, there is the unifying effect that a return to the moon could have on a deeply divided America. That cold rock in space brought Americans together once before. We need that kind of shared mission again.

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Elon Musk's Twitter purchase harms democracy

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Social media has gotten a bad name in recent years, much of it deserved, as it has played a sizable role in spreading right-wing backwardness and even authoritarianism in much of the world. This includes, most prominently, the reach and especially staying power of the world's most powerful politician in the world's most powerful country, Donald J. Trump.

But first, to avoid exaggeration or a misleading picture, we must recognize that the problems of misinformation and disinformation that enable 21st century politics to "build a bridge to the 19th century" are bigger than Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok. The traditional media has also failed us in important ways.

For example, a poll by Data for Progress found that voters in West Virginia—one of America's poorest states—supported the landmark Build Back Better legislation proposed by Democrats in 2021 by a margin of 43 percentage points. They supported its individual components by similar or larger margins: investing in long-term care, expanding Medicare coverage, paid family and medical leave, universal pre-K, extending health insurance subsidies, and clean energy investments. This bill would have changed the United States arguably as much as the New Deal, which put Democrats in power nationally for almost all of 1932 to 1980. And transformed the lives of West Virginians, like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security did. But their senator, Joe Manchin, blocked it.

This outcome is possible because the vast majority of West Virginians—like most of the country—did not know what was in that legislation. The most prominent media outlets did not mention very much; what most people heard most about the bill was its price tag, $3.5 trillion, which, over the decade that it would take effect, is about 1 percent of national income.

Americans have gotten false ideas about many of the most important issues that affect their lives from both traditional and social media. Some 73 percent of private-sector workers are worried that they won't see their Social Security benefits, which is no more in the realm of possibility than it has been over the past 80 years.

But social media is worse in many respects, in large part because of its business model. Companies like Facebook and Twitter make money through ads and data that help continually refine the targeting of online advertising and marketing. This drives them to get as many eyes on their content as possible and to know as much as possible about the people they attract.

These driving forces can cause social media to tolerate the distribution of "junk news," viral falsehoods, hate speech and conspiracy theories.

Now comes Elon Musk, the world's richest person, purchasing Twitter for $44 billion. This is a personification of how social media can concentrate power in a society that seems to be striving for new frontiers of inequality. Billionaires own media—Amazon's Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post. But the Post counts about 3 million online subscribers, while there are reportedly 240 million users on Twitter. So, it is not only the business model and social media practices that threaten democracy; it's the exponential growth of the concentration of ownership.

What can be done to counter the destructive effect of these structural characteristics and trends of social media? My colleague and co-founder of the Center for Economic and Policy Research, Dean Baker, has proposed a simple but potentially powerful first step: repeal Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act. This provision prevents internet sites, including Twitter and Facebook, from being sued for defamation for false information posted on their platforms—either as ads or on the pages of individuals and groups (e.g., Facebook pages).

Of course, it would be impossible to monitor everything posted on Facebook or Twitter. But defamatory material could be controlled much as violations of copyright laws are dealt with today on these platforms: The companies must respond and take action when the violations are called to their attention.

This would put social media platforms on the same footing as traditional media, which is responsible for the content that appears in newspapers, magazines, television and other outlets—without the special privileges currently provided by the law for social media.

The result would be a downsizing and reduction of the unprecedented, concentrated control of the means of communication in the United States, as well as some of the harmful political and social outcomes that social media contributes to in its current incarnation.

On the fence

By JIM RAYPHAND
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

This will likely upset many of my closest friends, including some of my immediate family members who generally feel much stronger about politics than I do and are staunchly opposed to one side of the runoff showdown—they have their reasons. To put it simply, I am on the fence as to who I will vote for in the runoff.

Truth be told, my opinion sways from day to day (sometimes hour to hour) based on what I might call the preponderance of every little bit of information or data point that happens to cross my sphere of influence (that is, the things that influence my thinking). Occasionally, I do take time to read and/or listen to the propaganda being peddled by both sides (insert green-faced, puke emoticon here). Further truth be told, my opinion and my vote have always been influenced more by how candidates (and their respective camps) have made me feel rather than by what they may have said.

I'll take some liberties in name-dropping here as examples, but please note that views expressed are solely my own and do not represent the opinions (nor do I have permission from any) of those mentioned here.

I don't think it's any secret (at least from people who know me) that Tina and Leila are my friends and generally I put a high value (often to a fault) on friendship. Both are admirable individuals in terms of their passion, dedication and, frankly, courage to stand up so publicly for what they believe. So I voted for them, but (and this is an important but) I voted for them because they are my friends, not because of their politics and, as I quipped to another friend in the political arena, despite them being far-left Democrats—I am no such thing. Going forward I think it's a mistake to assume that all of us who voted for them did it for some desperate need for change—I certainly didn't and, for that matter, offering me a choice between two sets of incumbent candidates from the same administration (and let's be honest, the same political party) does not strike me as a vote for change.

Rep. Ed Propst, who I can't claim as my friend (at least I've never sat for any beers with him, although certainly a friendly acquaintance), is someone I also voted for (when I voted in Precinct 1), although more recently I told myself outright that I wouldn't vote for him again if I had the chance (I vote in a different precinct now). My reasoning? I didn't like how some of his rhetoric (often veiled in childish sarcasm and at one point laden with cuss in the Chamorro vernacular) made me feel. No doubt he is entitled to his freedom of expression and frustration often gets the best of us, but I think he stooped too low at times and I felt somehow that I was being dragged down with him (beneath the man I expect him or any of my elected leaders to be). For a long time I stopped listening to what he has to say. And then very recently, I tuned in to hear one of his FB live posts and found it thought-provoking enough to make me ponder my upcoming vote a little deeper and perhaps begin to see him in a new light again…maybe (?)—all to the point that my opinions of people swing rapidly at times based on how they make me feel, whether or not they may be right or wrong.

At the heart of Rep. Propst's recent monologue was the issue of the BOOST program and the only reason I stopped long enough to listen—I felt annoyed by another recent post, meme, or whatever you call such things (forwarded to me by another friend) in which the representative is holding what looks like a semi-automatic rifle, likening it to a fishing spear and mocking the governor with a sarcastic comment about qualifying for the BOOST program. I was loaded, cocked, and ready to comment on his "live" post and then, to my surprise, he articulated the issues in a way that I could grasp without getting in a huff…without getting triggered, if you will. I still don't agree with some of what he said or perhaps what was implied, but I get his point. In particular, I don't agree to his thought about just handing out another stimulus in lieu of trying to target small businesses and entrepreneurs and I still hold out hope that those who may have received BOOST funding have met a legitimate eligibility criteria with a specific intent and likelihood of giving our local economy however many millions of dollar boosts.

Small businesses and entrepreneurs face added layers of challenges and offer opportunities for economic growth that the average citizen does not. And so I am particularly annoyed at the notion (and there is a pervasive undercurrent of political messaging about this) that if you get BOOST funding and you support or vote for the Torres/Sablan camp that you have sold out or had your vote bought. Even as an "unconnected," insignificant man in the scheme of all things politics and someone who could benefit hugely from BOOST funding, I do not subscribe to the notion that all who receive funding are sellouts and, more importantly, I won't resent anyone who gets assistance regardless of who they support politically. Whether anyone likes it or not the decisions and discretion for awarding funds as such rests in the hands of those who hold the purse strings. For emphasis, all the rest of us can do is hold out hope that those who may receive BOOST funding did so because they met a legitimate eligibility criteria with the specific intent and best chance of creating necessary boosts in our local economy. Ultimately, it is about the economy as a whole, not about each and every individual or much less about spreading the wealth unless you want to turn it into another socialist handout where everybody gets a little or nobody gets any at all—again, I do not subscribe to that line of thinking.

By JIM RAYPHAND
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For full disclosure, I'll add that I too applied for BOOST funding assistance in support of my fledgling fishing and room rental business—and not just the $500 supplement, but rather large amounts, I'd say life-changing amounts—and I feel very certain that I meet the eligibility criteria and offer a viable business with huge potential for significant economic contributions. I won't likely get the chance to vote based on whether or not I get my BOOST application funded—I don't expect, though I hope to get funded—but I can and will vote based on the simple fact that it is my right to vote as I please. To be clear, though (and my conscience is clear in saying this), if somehow I did receive funding as requested, you can be damn sure that I will vote for and maybe even schlep for the administration that made it possible because that would make me *feel* very good. I don't know if that makes me a sellout, but I do know it will help my business to sell more fish and…to borrow an old Michael Jordan faux pas, "Republicans buy fish too."

I wish the very best of luck to all of the gentlemen (each of who in our respective, chance encounters have always greeted me with respect beyond my measure) who are running in the final race of this political season. Thank you for your willingness to serve. God bless you and God bless the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Thanksgiving Turkey Tail Tales

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey aka Pepe Batbon is a retired educator who taught in the CNMI, NOLA, and LVNV. He is a sonnet practitioner who enjoys stargazing.

These poems are from a collection of seasonal poems written between 2003 and 2013. They were recorded in Las Vegas, released on a CD and have previously appeared in the *Saipan Tribune*. Happy Thanksgiving.

A Wild Turkey Quartet

Tom turkey asks please give me a chance
to eat, give me a chance to gobble like you
I'll find some low bush cranberries
and some dropped apples on the ground
your control over my death is fine
just give me a chance to eat before I die.

The way that turkey flew
and gobbled as it ran
gave me a different view
and changed my hunting plan
it put into my head
a serious change of mood
so instead of cold and dead
I will not shoot the dude.

Tom turkey waits for carving
to be untrussed and dressed
moist and tender stays the turkey breast
turkey gravy with giblets
turkey stuffing with oysters and niblets.

Wishbone! wild turkey almost gone
as Thanksgiving must next day at dawn
tomorrow's soup is turkey noodle
cranberry muffins a loaf of rye
hot corn bread and apple streusel
fresh whipped cream and apple pie.

Grace Before Wine

I am blessed to swallow grape fluids
every little drop in bottle or decanter
praising then this red or white enchanter
till blue in the face like drunken Druids
so great a sweetness flows into the breast
we must let sorrows and sadness pass
we are blessed with every single glass
every drop we drink of it is blessed.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Independent and Democrats decide who wins

The combined independents and Democrats will decide who will be our next governor and it is a mathematical fact, given that the overwhelming majority of voters have already voted against Ralph/Vinnie.

So far only two have fallen publicly so Ralph and Vinnie are stuck with the votes they already got and can't increase their voter count. It's clear that if everyone who voted for the independents/ Democrats in the general election means that Arnold and Dave will be the winners in the runoff election.

I've heard of only one person wanting to switch to Ralph/Vinnie from the Democrat Party as the majority of voters want to have a better government, a better economy, and a better quality of life and Democrats must stay the course and continue to vote against Ralph. But for those who are thinking about switching to Ralph/Vinnie, we have some sayings that I want to share:

1. "Don't change horses in the middle of a stream"—it's usually disastrous.

2. One definition of insanity would be to keep "doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results."

3. "Don't attend church on Sunday and vote for corruption, retaliation, and poli-tricks on Monday."

4. We (Democrat Party members) can lead a horse (voter) to water (the polls) but we can't make them drink (vote), even when it's to their own advantage—so vote for AD Democrats!

The pledge is real

I must first thank Saipan Mayor David Apatang for suggesting that the independents and Democrats write their agreement down that will cement the agreement for public scrutiny and accountability. The pledge is not just some words on paper but a genuine guarantee that certain things will happen under the AD administration. The AD team didn't make concession either; they just agreed on the critical issues raised by Democrats so it wasn't even about compromising nor was anything promised to individuals in the Democratic Party. It is truly an agreement founded upon and driven by integrity/character and the people can surely hold Arnold/Dave accountable. You will rarely ever see agreements like this between politicians from different parties, especially in writing, which is what makes the pledge between the two parties so special and even extraordinary and a first in our political arena. The pledge is real and we can't trust anything that Ralph says or writes!

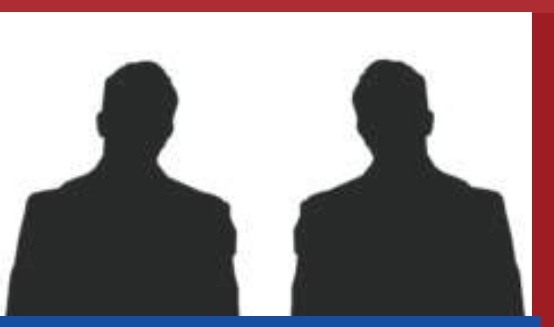
So don't let the idea that it's not Tina/ Leila anymore because the pledge is Tina's/Leila's, who sought the support of the AD team to carry out some of the agenda they had planned. In fact, the AD team really didn't have to sign the pledge as many Democrats were going to vote for them anyway, but it shows they are men of integrity with a genuine desire to demonstrate they want to rebuild trust and get the ugly out of our politics. It is truly time to clean up the mess that Ralph has made of the CNMI.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman III, Saipan

WHO IS THE BETTER TEAM TO LEAD THE CNMI?

TORRES-SABLAN

HERE ARE THE FACTS



PALACIOS-APATANG

ON FEDERAL PARTNERSHIPS

- **Strengthened partnerships with the White House, FEMA, Department of the Interior, Department of Defense, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Transportation, Department of Veterans Affairs, and other federal agencies.**

- **Led two of the only successful Section 902 Consultations in CNMI history, leading to meaningful public laws by Congress and update of regulations by the White House.**

- **Led negotiations with the President and Congress on the NMI US Workforce Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-218), protecting US local workers and keeping CW families together.**

- **Increased federal funding for infrastructure improvement projects.**

- **Commended by Federal Government for promotion of the CNMI.**

NO PLANS

- **Official AD platform is absent of any concrete plans with the Federal Government.**

- **In his 25 years in politics, Arnold Palacios focused mostly on partnerships with fishery agencies, associations, and companies.**

- **Arnold Palacios mostly not at the office during meetings on these issues, even when invited.**

THERE IS NO DEBATE.

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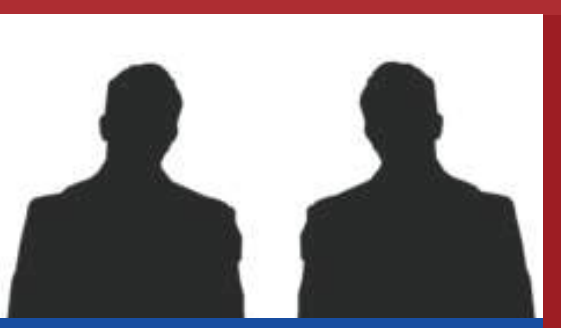

PALACIOS-APATANG

ON MILITARY & VETERANS

- **Strengthened partnerships with the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on military consultations and veterans benefits.**

- **Successfully negotiated with DoD to ensure NO BOMBING of Pagan and Tinian.**

- **Successfully negotiated $161.8 million for construction of Tinian Divert Airfield, creating jobs and opportunities for the people of Tinian and the CNMI.**

- **Commended by Federal Government and top military leaders for advocacy of the CNMI.**

- **Hosted veteran town halls throughout the CNMI and advocated for increased veterans benefits to the VA.**

- **Completed $3.2 million expansion of the CNMI Veterans Cemetery and broke ground of Rota Veterans Cemetery.**

NO PLANS

- **Official AD platform is absent of any concrete plans with maintaining strong relations with the Department of Defense or Veterans Affairs.**

- **Arnold Palacios did not provide meaningful contribution to military consultations during his time as Lt. Governor.**

- **Arnold Palacios mostly not at the office during meetings on these issues, even when invited.**

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	A chance of showers. Partly sunny	A chance of showers. Partly sunny,
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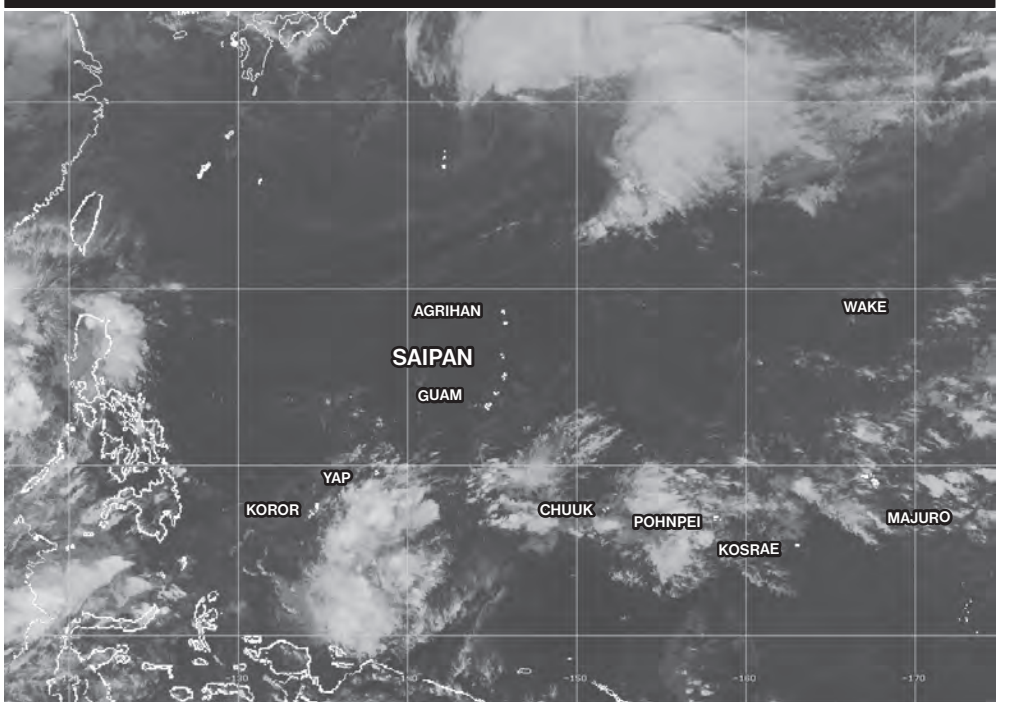
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A few showers are present across the region with cloud tops around 20 kft. Buoys and Altimetry show combined seas between 4 and 6 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	88° / 77°
Palau	Thunderstorms	82° / 76°
Yap	Isolated Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	82° / 77°
Pohnpei	Cloudy	86° / 76°
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	87° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:21 AM	5:43 PM
Wednesday	6:22 AM	5:43 PM
Thursday	6:23 AM	5:43 PM
Friday	6:23 AM	5:43 PM
Saturday	6:24 AM	5:43 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	4:22 AM	4:17 PM	-
Wednesday	5:19 AM	5:03 PM	-
Thursday	6:21 AM	5:55 PM	-
Friday	7:27 AM	6:53 PM	-
Saturday	8:34 AM	7:57 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Thunderstorms	70° / 57°
Beijing	Cloudy	53° / 30°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	75° / 72°
Honolulu	Sunny/Wind	84° / 73°
London	Partly Cloudy	48° / 40°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	76° / 50°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	89° / 78°
Melbourne	Cloudy	62° / 52°
Miami	Rain	78° / 75°
New York	Sunny	43° / 33°
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	68° / 56°
Paris	Showers	50° / 43°
Busan	Light Rain	66° / 54°
Rome	Rain/Thunder	62° / 43°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	60° / 43°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	64° / 42°
Seoul	Light Rain	56° / 47°
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	67° / 53°
Washington, DC	Sunny	48° / 30°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
12:17 AM	Low Tide	-0.01
6:43 AM	High Tide	1.60
12:10 PM	Low Tide	0.73
5:52 PM	High Tide	1.85

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily

SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	7:05AM	9:45AM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	7:45AM	Daily
UA193	7:55PM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	8:00PM	9:50PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:50PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	3:40PM	10:35AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

OZ624	3:40PM	7:40PM	3, 6
TW308	4:30PM	8:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:46AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00AM+1	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:05PM	3:55AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:55PM	4:45AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:40PM	6:30AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA184	12:40AM	6:30AM	3, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA189/174	12:40AM	8:46AM+1	3, 6 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55PM	8:46AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:40PM	8:46AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
OZ704/623	11:50PM	2:40PM+1	2, 5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ623	9:00AM	2:40PM	3, 6
TW307	10:00AM	3:30PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3406	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS

INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

SMALL BUSINESS FEATURE

Tinian's JC-Cafe, famous for its Butter Fried Chicken, received its BOOST Grant Award on November 16, 2022.

Boost Program stimulus package revitalizes commerce and industry across CNMI

"This amount is a big help for JC Cafe, we have struggled for many years. We just want to bring back the old JC Cafe. Thank you, Governor Torres for giving us this opportunity."

Marie Rose Bunao,
General Manager,
JC-Cafe, Tinian

BOOST Program is the acronym for - **B**uilding **O**ptimism, **O**pportunities and **S**tability **T**ogether. It is a financial assistance in the form of Grants – initiated by the Office of the Governor, Department of Commerce, and Department of Finance – provided to local businesses and non-profits, as well as coaching and training programs to support their viability and help create employment opportunities. The program also supports the Commonwealth government's goal of diversifying the economy and increasing tax revenues.

Existing CNMI Businesses, Start-up Businesses, Industrial Pioneers, and Non-Profit Organizations, apply now for the BOOST Grant Program!

For inquiries simply logon to www.boostcnmi.com

Fishing, farming, and ranching is an important source of food and nutritional security throughout the Marianas. For many, it is a source of income.

Such practices have been passed on from generation to generation and is an important part of our culture and indigeneity. Fishing, farming and ranching create important ties between families and individuals as well as strengthening ties to our environment.

The BOOST Fishers, Farmers and Ranchers program is designed to promote food and nutritional security, protect and promote traditional cultural practices, as well as to diversify and revitalize the economy for those engaged in commercial activity.

BOOST funds are extended to fishers, farmers, and ranchers who produce for sale and trade. A BOOST subsistence stimulus up to $500 is available for applicants who fish, farm or ranch for personal consumption.

Terms and conditions apply. Subject to the availability of funds.

BOOST Fishers Farmers Ranchers

PROGRAM

FAQs: HOW DO YOU QUALIFY?

Applicants for **subsistence stimulus** up to $500 must provide evidence of fishing, farming, or ranching activities (video, photos, letters of reference, or other form of testimonial).

Applicants applying for BOOST funds for **commercial sale and trade** must submit a Cover Letter, Copy of Business License, Letter of Compliance (i.e., Tax Clearance), Business Profile, List of Products and Services, and a short Business Plan (no finances required). Corporations are required to submit a Certificate of Existence (i.e., Good Standing)

SIGN UP AT BANK OF SAIPAN

TINIAN RESIDENTS CAN SUBMIT ON MONDAY 9:00AM - 2:00PM AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ROTA RESIDENTS CAN SUBMIT ON WEDNESDAY 9:00AM - 2:00PM AT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

WHERE MAY I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Visit boostcnmi.com or contact the Bank of Saipan at (670) 235-6260

SUBSISTENCE APPLICATION FORM

Last _____ Contact Info

First _____ Middle _____ Tel. #: _____

Email: _____

Physical address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Instructions: Please mark which category you are applying for. If you are applying for more than one, please rank which category is more important.

- ❑ **Fisher**
- ❑ **Farmer**
- ❑ **Rancher**

Form of Proof: Subsistence fishers, farmers and ranchers must provide evidence of fishing activities. Please mark what is submitted by the applicant:

- ❑ Video
- ❑ Photos
- ❑ Letter(s) of reference
- ❑ Other

Notes:

For internal purposes:

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Time: _____

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Life & Style

‘West Wing’ cast urges struggling Americans to seek help

AP

This combination photo shows the cast of the award-winning White House television drama, «The West Wing», from left, Martin Sheen, Bradley Whitford and Dule Hill.

WASHINGTON (AP)—As more Americans struggle with depression and anxiety, the cast of “The West Wing” teamed up with the Biden administration on Thursday to share a simple message: you are not alone.

The star-studded cast of the drama series that, even years after being off air maintains a strong fan base, participated in a roundtable discussion with the White House to share their own stories of childhood abuse, isolation during the COVID-19 and struggles to help their children navigate the anxiety-inducing world of social media.

Through it all, five members of “The West Wing” cast said that talking with friends, family and even each other got them through darkest moments.

“Community is the key to all of this,” said actor Martin Sheen, who served as the U.S. president on the drama series.

Actor Bradley Whitford, who played the role of the president’s deputy chief of staff on the TV show, opened up publicly about a female teacher who he said was “physically, extensively inappropriate” with him decades ago when he was in sixth grade.

“I knew it had happened, but I didn’t know how to talk about it,” Whitford said. “I was able to find a very, very safe space where I could talk about it. I’ll never get rid of the fact that this thing happened to me, but giving it a name, giving it perspective, has allowed to me to not still be captive to it.”

Whitford and his castmates urged other Americans who are struggling with their mental health to lean on those closest about their tough times, too. About 4 out of every 10 U.S. adults have reported symptoms of anxiety or depression last year, a trend that took a turn for the worse during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Zooming in from the set of “The Wonder Years” reboot, actor Dulé Hill said he struggled with isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It’s important we all just continue to engage each other, to see each other and our humanity,” Hill said. “I can still feel isolated and alone. But I want you to know you are not alone. I am not alone, and together, we will make our way to our brighter tomorrow.”

Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra reminded those tuning into the talk that they can also call the newly launched 988 hotline to talk to someone when they are struggling with thoughts of suicide, a crisis or depression.

The three-digit 988 line connects callers with trained mental health counselors. The federal government has provided over $280 million to help states create the system.

‘Power Rangers’ star Jason David Frank dies at 49

NEW YORK (AP) — Jason David Frank, who played the Green Power Ranger Tommy Oliver on the 1990s children’s series “Mighty Morphin Power Rangers,” has died. He was 49.

Justine Hunt, Frank’s manager, said in a statement Sunday that Frank passed away. She did not name the cause of death or say when he died, but asked for “privacy of his family and friends during this horrible time as we come to terms with the loss of such a wonderful human being.”

Walter Emmanuel Jones, the original Black Power Ranger who co-starred with Frank in “Mighty Morphin Power Rangers,” wrote on Instagram, that he couldn’t believe it. “My heart is sad to have lost another member of our special family,” wrote Jones. Thuy Trang, who played the original Yellow Power Ranger, died in a car accident in 2001 at age 27.

“Mighty MorphinPower Rangers,” about five teenagers deputized to save Earth from evil, debuted on Fox in 1993 and went on to become a pop-culture phenomenon.

‘Wakanda Forever’ extends reign, ‘She Said’ struggles

NEW YORK (AP) — “Black Panther: Wakanda Forever” extended its box-office reign in its second week of release with $67 million in ticket sales over the weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday, while “She Said,” about the journalistic investigation into Harvey Weinstein, struggled in wide release.

After its $180 million launch, Ryan Coogler’s “Black Panther” sequel slid 63% in its second frame. On its way to more than $1.3 billion in ticket sales, the original “Black Panther” held unusually well, dipping only 44.7% in its second weekend in 2018. But most recent Marvel releases have seen similar or slightly worse declines. “Thor: Love and Thunder,” “Spider-Man: No Way Home” and “Black Widow” all declined 68% on their second weekend.

“Wakanda Forever,” made in the wake of T’Challa star Chadwick Boseman’s death, stars Letitia Wright, Angela Bassett and Tenoch Huerta. It has amassed $546 million globally thus far, and should continue to drive sales over the upcoming Thanksgiving Day holiday weekend.

The week’s top new release was “The Menu,” the Searchlight Pictures high-cuisine satire starring Anya Taylor-Joy and Ralph Fiennes, who plays a vengeful celebrity chef. “The Menu,” directed by “Succession” veteran Mark Mylod, grossed $9 million in 3,100 venues. With a 90% fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes, the well-reviewed R-rated thriller is drawing enough Taylor-Joy fans to outpace most edgier arthouse fare.

Universal’s “She Said” flopped with $2.3 million in 2,022 theaters. The film, starring Carey Mulligan and Zoe Kazan as New York Times reporters Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor, served as Hollywood’s own big-screen treatment of movie mogul Harvey Weinstein’s downfall. Critics called “She Said,” which premiered at the New York Film Festival in October, a riveting modern-day newspaper thriller, and audiences gave it an “A” CinemaScore. Box-office expectations were never particularly high for the $30 million film, directed by Maria Schrader, but it was widely applauded for its tackling of the infamous #MeToo scandal.

Relationship with boyfriend is now a dangerous nightmare

DEAR ABBY: I am in a relationship I can’t get out of. I was told by my “boyfriend” that what he’s doing is normal. He says it’s what people who love each other do, and he loves me more than anyone has ever loved me. I have told him repeatedly that I don’t love him.

He drives by my house and follows me to work. He has also watched to make sure I’m going where I said, like to the gym and the store. He tells me that every man wants to have sex with me, and that I dress too sexy (I mostly wear leggings and tank tops). He has monitored Zoom meetings that I go to.

All of the watching and following is without my permission or knowledge. He usually tells me about it later, saying he only does it “out of love.” This has been going on for a few years. Why do I put up with it? I have tried to break up. It started after a few months together. But he guilted me into staying, saying he’d be all alone. Or he’d kill himself. Then I found out he filmed us having sex a few times, and he’s threatening that if I don’t stay, people will see it.

Please tell me what to do. I have no self-esteem left, and yes, I feel like the slut that I am made out to be. I’m not sure what you can do to help me. I have no one to talk to.

ANONYMOUS PRISONER

DEAR PRISONER: This person doesn’t “love” you. Your boyfriend is an abuser, a stalker and an extortionist. You are right that you need someone to talk to. Actually, I can think of more than one. Pick up the phone and call 800-799-7233. It’s the toll-free number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline. A counselor there will be happy to offer suggestions on how to deal with your abuser. During the conversation, ask whether his threat to make the sex tape public should be reported to the police. (I think it SHOULD be.)

P.S. And PLEASE stop feeling guilty. If you are worried that he might kill himself if you end the relationship, don’t be. He has no intention of following through.

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DEAR ABBY: Our son died suddenly a month ago. It was a terrible shock. That same day, his mother (my wife) announced, “We are done!” as a couple. We’ve been married 41 years, but our relationship has always been rocky. She hasn’t spoken to me since then. I have two areas of deep grief and no one to talk with to share the agony of losing a son and a marriage simultaneously. Family members and close friends have been sympathetic, but most don’t know what to say. Any advice would be welcomed.

MOURNING IN TENNESSEE

DEAR MOURNING: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the death of your son. Because you have no one to confide in, it’s important you start talking with a grief counselor about the double loss you have experienced. It will take time to work through the sadness you are feeling in the aftermath of your son’s passing. While no one can blame you for your anger at your wife for her poor timing, once your sadness lessens, you may realize how fortunate you are to finally be freed from a 41-year unhappy marriage.

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Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in “The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It.” To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

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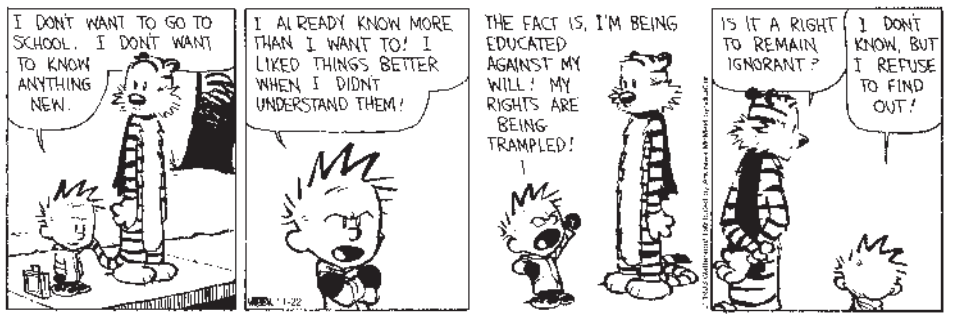
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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THE FACT IS, I'M BEING EDUCATED AGAINST MY WILL! MY RIGHTS ARE BEING TRAMPLED!
IS IT A RIGHT TO REMAIN IGNORANT?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT I REFUSE TO FIND OUT!

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

HEY! BROKE OUT THE GOBBLE HAT, HUH?
YEP.
WELL, KATY HAS CHRISTMAS. YOU HAVE HALLOWEEN.
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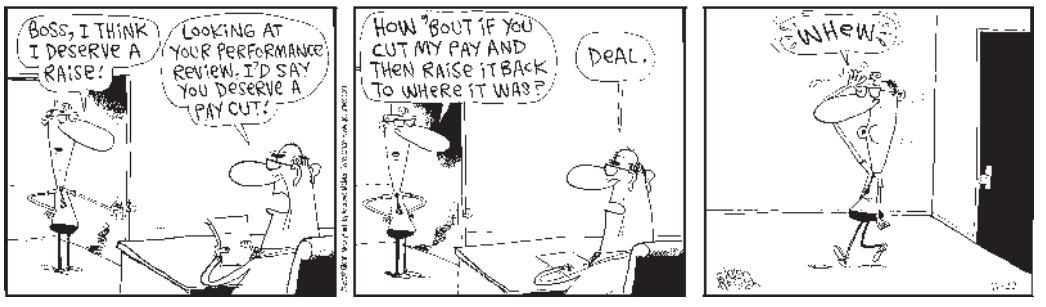
NOT ME. TAKE IT UP WITH THE COMMENTS SECTION.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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HOW 'BOUT IF YOU CUT MY PAY AND THEN RAISE IT BACK TO WHERE IT WAS?
DEAL.
WHEW!

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Towering
5 Fan's cry
8 Magic dragon
12 Balm ingredient
13 Chopper
14 "Got it"
15 Ale, e.g.
17 Favorites
18 Ambulance letters
19 Peanut product
20 Big buttes
21 Expert
22 Life story
23 Humorist Dave
26 Ties the knot
30 Popular Asian cuisine
31 Director Howard
32 Actress Gershon
33 Cider apple
35 Belted area
36 — Pérignon (French bubbly)
37 London's Big —
38 Mob bosses
41 Green shade
42 Corp. money manager
45 Per person
46 Make a hard copy
48 Viral video, e.g.
49 Label
50 Lisa's brother
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2 Reunion attendee
3 High tennis shots
4 Author Tolstoy
5 CBer's device
6 Skater's leap
7 "In — Shoes" (Cameron Diaz film)
8 Church keyboard
9 Applications
10 Greek cheese
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22 Prohibit
23 "Incidentally," to texters
24 Sushi fish
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27 Three, on a sundial
28 USN rank
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31 Zodiac animal
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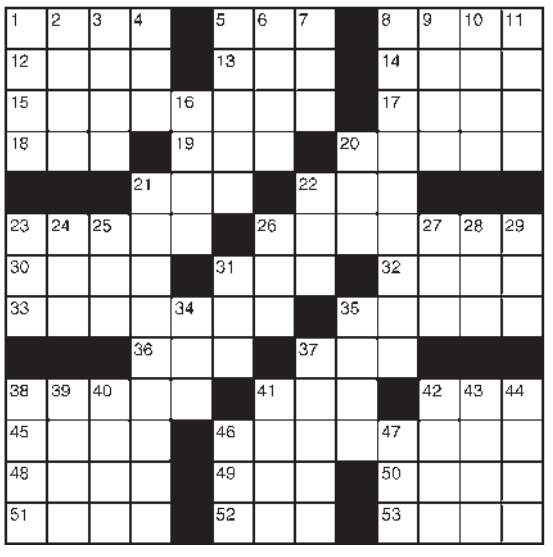

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Happy Birthday: Seize the moment, look for opportunities and stay on course. You can accomplish the most if you stick to your plans and principles, verify facts and refuse to let others manipulate or push you in a direction you don't care to go. Put anger aside, show intelligence and patience, and treat everything you encounter this year with a sense of humor, experience and knowledge. Your numbers are 8, 19, 21, 26, 36, 40, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Put more thought into how to save money, protect against a loss and ensure that you remain healthy, wealthy and wise. Discipline and hard work will be the cornerstones of success. Put your energy to good use and finish what you start. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Plan well-thought-out changes before you begin the transformation. Consider what can go wrong and prepare a solid defense to ensure you stay on track. There is money to be made if you go through the proper channels. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Don't be fooled by what others say. Check to ensure you get legitimate instructions before starting something new. Awareness and intelligence are your strengths and can be used to ensure you get ahead as planned. Self-improvement is encouraged. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Enjoy the moment. Look around you and reach out to people who put a smile on your face. Sign up for an outing that encourages you to branch out and try something new and exciting. A trend will spark your imagination. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Go where the action is and mingle with interesting people. By sharing your thoughts, you will hook up with someone who challenges you and contributes to your concerns and causes. Don't let uncertainty stand between you and success. Consistency and honesty matter. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Rely on friends and peers for help. A problem will escalate if you don't communicate openly. Bring attention to solutions that will benefit everyone or weed out those with nothing to offer. Take care of your home and health. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Associate with people who make you think. A challenge will lead to personal growth. Keep your money and possessions in a safe place. Not everyone will share your values or principles. A physical endeavor will boost your ego, strength and courage. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Practice patience, go with the flow and refuse to let what others choose to do influence your next move. Step outside your comfort zone and try something you've never done. The experience will be educational and rewarding. Embrace new beginnings. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Treating those in your home with equality will help you sidestep a disagreement or misunderstanding. Choosing to use charm and kindness will get a better response. A self-improvement project will give your confidence a boost. Romance is favored. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* You are overdue for a change, so don't wait for someone to give you a push; take the liberty to turn an idea you have into something concrete. Put your feelers out for people who can complement your next project. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Be the one to create a situation in an enthusiastic atmosphere that pumps up people and motivates them to participate and make the world a better place. Being a warrior for truth and justice will lead to opportunities. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Follow your heart and channel your energy into making a difference. Don't argue with people who have a different plan. Consider what makes you happy and brings opportunities your way. Take responsibility for your happiness. It's time to please yourself. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are playful, enthusiastic and creative. You are adventurous and proactive.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

MILITARY REVEILLE Solution: 7 letters

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Mahomes, Kelce connect for 3 TDs, Chiefs beat Chargers, 30-27

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Patrick Mahomes connected with Travis Kelce for their third touchdown of the game with 31 seconds remaining, and the Kansas City Chiefs rallied past the Los Angeles Chargers 30-27 on Sunday night to stay atop the AFC.

Mahomes hit Kelce on a short crossing route that Kelce took to the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown, concluding a six-play, 75-yard drive that took just 1:15. The Chargers had pulled ahead 27-23 on Justin Herbert's 6-yard touchdown pass to Joshua Palmer with 1:46 left.

Herbert and the Chargers had one final chance, but Nick Bolton intercepted a deflected pass to seal it for the Chiefs (8-2), who swept the season series from Los Angeles (5-5) and took a three-game lead in the AFC West.

With a one-game lead over four teams in the conference, Kansas City is in position to claim home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Mahomes completed 20 of 34 passes for 329 yards without two of his top receivers. He still had Kelce, who had six catches for 115 yards. Chiefs rookie Isiah Pacheco rushed for a career-high 107 yards.

AP

Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce runs in for a touchdown during the first half of an NFL football game against the Los Angeles Chargers Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, in Inglewood, Calif.

Cowboys 40, Vikings 3

In Minneapolis, Tony Pollard had two touchdown catches and a career-high 189 yards from scrimmage, and Dallas sacked Kirk Cousins a career-most seven times while ending Minnesota's seven-game winning streak.

Dak Prescott was flawless at quarterback, Ezekiel Elliott rushed for two scores in his return from injury and Brett Maher made four field goals — including a 60-yarder to end the first half. The Cowboys (7-3) didn't punt until their eighth possession, and the defense was just as good.

Micah Parsons and Dorance Armstrong had two sacks apiece in the fifth-largest loss ever for the Vikings — and the biggest road win in Cowboys history.

The Vikings (8-2) have been the king of the comebacks in an NFL season featuring the smallest average winning margin in 90 years, none more remarkable than last week at Buffalo when they turned a 17-point deficit late in the third quarter into an overtime victory.

But the Cowboys carried out a near-perfect game plan with stunning ease. Dallas gained 108 yards on the ground in the first half. Pollard, the Cowboys' most dangerous weapon on offense all year, finished with six catches for 109 yards and 15 rushes for 80 yards.

Patriots 10, Jets 3

In Foxborough, Mass., Marcus Jones returned a punt 84 yards for a touchdown with 5 seconds remaining and the New England Patriots stunned the New York Jets 10-3 on Sunday.

The rookie's score was the first TD on a punt return in the NFL this season and broke a stalemate on a day when both offenses struggled to move the ball.

It was the third straight win for the Patriots (6-4) and their 14th straight over New York. They also denied the Jets (6-4) a chance to move into first place in the AFC East this late in the season for the first time since 2010. Instead, New York dropped into last place.

The Jets haven't won in Foxborough since the 2010 playoffs when they knocked out the Patriots in the divisional round.

The Patriots moved the ball well at times, with Mac Jones completing 23 of 27 passes for 246 yards. But they were 4 of 15 on third down and had only one field goal — with Nick Folk missing two attempts — despite getting inside the Jets 30 three times.

Bills 31, Browns 23

In Detroit, Josh Allen threw a go-ahead, 5-yard touchdown pass to Stefon Diggs late in the first half, and Buffalo beat Cleveland after the NFL moved the Bills' home game to Detroit due to several feet of snow blanketing western New York.

The Bills (7-3) avoided blowing a third straight half-time lead by scoring on all five of their possessions in the second half and doing a better job protecting the ball.

Cleveland (3-7) rallied within eight points, setting up an onside kick in the final seconds that the Browns failed to recover.

The Bills scored a second-half touchdown for the first time in four games on Devin Singletary's 5-yard run. They also stopped Jacoby Brissett's sneak on fourth-and-1 from the Buffalo 27 and blocked a field goal in the third quarter while building a 22-10 lead.

Brissett finished 28 of 41 for 324 yards — two shy of his career high — and a season-high three touchdowns.

Eagles 17, Colts 16

In Indianapolis, Jalen Hurts ran for an 8-yard touchdown with 1:20 remaining and Philadelphia rallied past Indianapolis.

Coming off their first loss of the season, the Eagles (9-1) trailed 13-3 in the fourth quarter. Hurts threw for a touchdown early in the period to get Philly within three.

The third-year quarterback was 18 of 25 with 190 yards through the air and rushed 16 times for 86 yards as the Eagles won their seventh straight road game.

Indianapolis (4-6-1) never trailed until Hurts' scoring run. Interim coach Jeff Saturday evened his record at 1-1 since taking over for the fired Frank Reich.

Indy had a chance for a game-winning drive, but it stalled before the Colts could get to midfield and they turned it over on downs.

Lions 31, Giants 18

In East Rutherford, N.J., Jamaal Williams ran for a career-high three touchdowns and Detroit stunned New York.

The Lions (4-6) posted consecutive roads wins and their first three-game winning streak since November 2017. Until last week, Detroit had not won a road game under second-year coach Dan Campbell.

Williams ran for a 4-yard TD and two 1-yard scores and the Lions' much-maligned run defense shut down NFL leading rusher Saquon Barkley and forced three turnovers on a cold, blustery day.

Rookie defensive end Aidan Hutchinson, the No. 2 overall pick in the draft, intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble to help set up 14 points. Jared Goff and the Lions' offense didn't have a turnover for the second straight game.

The mistake-prone Giants (7-3) got 3-yard touchdown runs by Daniel Jones and Matt Breida. Jones also threw a meaningless late TD to Richie James but also was intercepted twice, his first picks since Week 3. He went 27 of 44 for 341 yards.

Raiders 22, Broncos 16, OT

In Denver, Derek Carr hit a wide-open Davante Adams with a 35-yard touchdown pass on the third play of overtime, powering Las Vegas past Denver.

The Raiders (3-7) never led in regulation but sent the game into OT when Daniel Carlson kicked a 25-yard field goal with 16 seconds left after a crucial blunder by Broncos quarterback Russell Wilson.

The Broncos (3-7) were clinging to a 16-13 lead at the 2-minute warning but Wilson rolled right on third-and-10 from his own 34 and instead of sliding to burn more time, he pulled up and fired out of bounds. That saved crucial seconds for the Raiders.

Carr drove them 71 yards, hitting running back Josh Jacobs for 43 yards to the Denver 7 to set up Carlson's game-tying kick. Jacobs finished with 109 yards rushing and 51 receiving.

In overtime, Carr hit Foster Moreau for 33 yards over the middle to the Denver 35. From there, Adams confused the Denver defense and was all alone for the game-winner, which gave him 141 yards and two TDs on seven catches. Carr finished 23 of 37 for 307 yards.

Falcons 27, Bears 24

In Atlanta, Younghoe Koo made a tiebreaking 53-yard field goal with less than two minutes to play and Atlanta overcame another impressive game from Chicago's Justin Fields.

Marcus Mariota ran and threw for touchdowns for Atlanta (5-6), which pulled within one-half game of NFC-leading Tampa Bay on the Buccaneers' bye week.

Fields ran for 85 yards with a touchdown, but the Bears (3-8) suffered their fourth consecutive loss and sixth of seven.

Fields' pass for running back David Montgomery was intercepted by Falcons safety Jaylinn Hawkins with 1:07 remaining. A 26-yard run by rookie Tyler Allgeier allowed the Falcons, who rushed for 149 yards, to wind down the clock.

Atlanta running back Cordarrelle Patterson set the NFL record with his ninth career kickoff return for a touchdown. His 103-yard return in the second quarter broke a tie with Joshua Cribbs and Leon Washington.

Ravens 13, Panthers 3

In Baltimore, Lamar Jackson ran for a 1-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter and Baltimore forced three late Carolina turnovers.

Justin Tucker kicked two field goals, including a tiebreaking 37-yarder with 8:27 remaining. Then Marcus Peters forced a fumble by Shi Smith, giving the Ravens the ball at the Carolina 31. Baltimore (7-3) took advantage of a short field, finally reaching the end zone on Jackson's run with 7:16 to play.

Marlon Humphrey, who recovered Smith's fumble, later added an interception. Jason Pierre-Paul also picked off a pass in the final minute. It was the 12th straight game Baltimore forced at least one turnover.

Bengals 37, Steelers 30

In Pittsburgh, Joe Burrow threw four touchdown passes, three to backup running back Samaje Perine, and Cincinnati rallied past Pittsburgh.

The Bengals (6-4) won for the fourth time in five games by relying heavily on Perine, who thrived with starter Joe Mixon missing the second half after going into the NFL's concussion protocol.

Burrow completed 24 of 39 passes for 355 yards and became the third-fastest player in NFL history to reach 10,000 career yards passing. Perine ran for 30 yards and caught four passes for 52 yards. Cincinnati has won four of five against the Steelers.

Pittsburgh (3-7) couldn't hold a 20-17 lead in the second half. Rookie Kenny Pickett passed for 265 yards and a touchdown and Najee Harris ran for 90 yards and two scores, but the NFL's second-lowest scoring offense was ineffective after halftime.

Saints 27, Rams 20

In New Orleans, Andy Dalton passed for three touchdowns, Matthew Stafford left the field to be evaluated for a concussion in the second half New Orleans beat reeling Los Angeles.

Stafford's departure from the game came two days after he'd been cleared to return from the NFL's concussion protocol.

Stafford was effective in the first half, after which the Rams led 14-10, and he left the game having completed 11 of 18 passes for 159 yards and two touchdowns, including a 62-yarder to Tutu Atwell.

He was replaced by Bryce Perkins, who led the Rams to a field goal on his first series, but struggled thereafter. The defending champion Rams (3-7) have lost four straight.

Commanders 23, Texans 10

In Houston, Taylor Heinicke threw for 191 yards, Kendall Fuller returned an interception for a touchdown, and Washington rolled past Houston.

Heinicke, who started a fifth straight game for the injured Carson Wentz, had another solid performance to help the Commanders (6-5) build on last week's victory over Philadelphia and win their fifth of six.

Davis Mills threw two interceptions and Houston mustered a season-low 148 yards of offense as the Texans (1-8-1) lost their fifth straight and remained the NFL's only one-win team.

Washington led 20-0 at halftime behind Fuller's pick-6, a TD run by Curtis Samuel and a historically bad first half by Houston's offense.

Sacramento beats Detroit 137-129, runs win streak to 6 games

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—De'Aaron Fox had 33 points and seven assists and the Sacramento Kings extended their winning streak to six games with a 137-129 win over the Detroit Pistons on Sunday night.

Fox scored 10 points in the fourth quarter, including a pair of free throws with 22.6 seconds remaining that extended Sacramento's lead to six points. The Kings have won eight of their last 10 games after starting the season 0-4.

Harrison Barnes had a season-high 27 points with nine rebounds. He hit two free throws with 14.6 seconds left to help secure the victory.

Kevin Huerter hit four 3-pointers and finished with 24 points as all of the Kings' starters scored in double figures. Domantas Sabonis had 15 points and 13 rebounds.

Pistons rookie Jaden Ivey, the fifth overall pick in the 2022 NBA draft, had 24 points. Bojan Bogdanovic added 21 points for Detriot, which has lost seven consecutive games and 10 of its last 11.

AP

Detroit Pistons guard Alec Burks (5) is guarded by Sacramento Kings guard De'Aaron Fox during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Sacramento, Calif., Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022.

Nets 127, Grizzlies 115

In New York, Kyrie Irving returned from his suspension with 14 points, Ben Simmons tuned up for his trip back to Philadelphia with a season-high 22 and Brooklyn beat short-handed Memphis.

Kevin Durant scored 26 points, giving him at least 25 in all 17 games this season. But it was the surprise scoring Irving and Simmons sparking the Nets in this one. Simmons had his first 20-point game since for playing for the 76ers in the 2021 playoffs, and Yuta Watanabe had 16.

Dillon Brooks scored 31 points for the Grizzlies, who were without All-Star Ja Morant, Desmond Bane and Jaren Jackson Jr.

The Nets announced Irving would be available to play Sunday morning, after he apologized to anyone who felt threatened or hurt when he posted a link to a documentary with antisemitic material on his Twitter page. They suspended him days later after he had refused to apologize or clarify his beliefs, and he missed eight games.

Suns 116, Knicks 95

In Phoenix, Cameron Payne scored 21 points, Devin Booker added 20 and Phoenix used a dominating second half to beat New York.

Deandre Ayton had 13 points and 11 rebounds and all of the Suns' starters scored in double figures. Torrey Craig scored 14 points and Mikal Bridges 13. Reserve Damion Lee scored 15 and shot 4 of 6 from 3-point range.

The Suns, playing without Chris Paul (right heel injury) for the sixth straight game, got 3-pointers from eight players.

Jalen Brunson scored 27 points on 11-of-21 shooting to lead the Knicks. RJ Barrett finished with 12 points and Quentin Grimes scored 10.

Cavaliers 113, Heat 87

In Cleveland, Darius Garland scored 25 points, Cedi Osman added 20 and Cleveland played one of its best games in weeks, rolling past banged-up Miami.

After ending a five-game losing streak with a double-overtime win Friday, the Cavs didn't have to work nearly as hard while handing Miami its sixth straight road loss. Cleveland used a 21-2 tear in the second quarter to open a 19-point lead, and the Cavs pushed their advantage to 31 in the third.

Evan Mobley had 15 points and 10 rebounds for Cleveland.

Bam Adebayo scored 21 to lead Miami after sitting out the previous two games with a bruised left knee. However, he didn't have much help.

Miami was missing some key pieces as star forward Jimmy Butler (knee), starting guard Tyler Herro (ankle) and reserve guard Gabe Vincent (knee) were all out with injuries.

Nuggets 98, Mavericks 97

In Dallas, Vlatko Cancar hit a buzzer-beater from near midcourt when the final 2 seconds of the first half were replayed after the break, and outmanned Denver went on to beat Dallas.

The Nuggets went to the locker room thinking they were down seven on a buzzer-beating 3-pointer by Dallas star Luka Doncic. Instead, Cancar brought the Nuggets within a point, and the six-point swing paid off when Michael Porter Jr. hit the deciding 3-pointer with 55 seconds remaining in the game.

A video review showed Doncic stepped out bounds before the second-quarter shot, and since the teams were already off the court, the game had to be picked up from that point after the break.

Bones Hyland scored a career-high 29 points, and Porter Jr. had 12 with his only made 3-pointer in five attempts providing the final scoring.

Josh Green had a career-high 23 points for Dallas, but his only miss on an 8-of-9 night, including 6 of 7 from 3, was from long range with the Mavericks leading by two in the final 70 seconds. Doncic scored 22 with a miss on a long 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Lakers 123, Spurs 92

In Los Angeles, Anthony Davis had 30 points and 18 rebounds, and Los Angeles beat San Antonio to win three straight games for the first time since the first week of January.

While LeBron James missed his fourth straight game with a left adductor strain, Davis came through with yet another prolific performance, producing three straight 30-point games for the first time since March 2020. Austin Reaves also scored 17 of his 21 points in the first half before the Lakers cruised to a victory that boosted the Pacific Division's worst record to 5-10.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich missed the game with an illness after feeling unwell shortly before tipoff.

Devin Vassell scored 17 points for the Spurs, who have lost five straight and 10 of 11. Gorgui Dieng added seven points and seven rebounds while starting in place of injured Jakob Poeltl.

Warriors 127, Rockets 120

In Houston, Klay Thompson scored a season-high 41 points and Steph Curry added 33 as Golden State picked up its first road win in Houston.

The Warriors snapped an 0-8 start away from home to improve to 8-9 on the season. Golden State has won five of its last seven games following a 3-7 start.

Andrew Wiggins hit 6 of 11 3s and scored 22 points for Golden State.

Kevin Porter Jr. led Houston with 30 points, Jabari Smith Jr. had 22, and Jalen Green added 16. Rookie Tari Eason scored a career-high 19 points and added eight rebounds off the bench.

Wizards 106, Hornets 102

In Washington, Kyle Kuzma had 28 points, 10 rebounds and five assists, helping Washington beat Charlotte.

Bradley Beal scored 26 points, but wasn't on the floor for the final 9.8 seconds despite Washington being up just two points. He walked with a slight limp to the locker room before the game ended.

All five Washington starters scored in double figures. The Wizards have won six of seven.

Kelly Oubre Jr. led Charlotte with 23 points. Gordon Hayward added 18 points. The Hornets have lost 11 of 12.

Antetokounmpo argues with arena worker, flings away ladder

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Milwaukee star Giannis Antetokounmpo argued with an arena worker and flung a ladder away from a basket, sending it toppling over as he tried to shoot practice free throws after the Bucks' 110-102 loss to Philadelphia on Friday night.

After going 4 for 15 from the line, Antetokounmpo returned to the Wells Fargo Center floor several minutes after the game to shoot free throws with a small number of fans still in the building.

Antetokounmpo proceeded to miss his first five foul shots in the postgame practice. During a break in the two-time NBA MVP's shooting, arena workers moved onto the court for their usual postgame activities.

One of the workers set up a 12-foot ladder next to the basket where Antetokounmpo was shooting. Antetokounmpo walked up to the ladder and moved it out of the way.

The employee moved it back in place. Antetokounmpo then approached the staffer, had a quick, exchange, and then shoved the ladder away, sending it crashing to the floor.

"I never try to disrespect anyone, in any way shape or form," Antetokounmpo told reporters afterward. "I feel like today was just unfortunate event that took place."

Antetokounmpo told reporters that the incident began when he started shooting free throws and a player and coach told him to leave the court. Antetokounmpo didn't name the player, but the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel had a video showing Philadelphia's Montrezl Harrell taking the ball from Anteokounmpo as the Bucks forward was at the free-throw line.

Antetokounmpo said he left to get two more balls and returned to see the ladder in front of the basket.

"At the end of the day people are going to make things look the way they want it to look," Antetokounmpo told reporters. "Did I meant to push the ladder all the way down? I totally did not. I just tried to, I think I pushed it and it got caught and fell. But people are going to make it look the way they want it to look. I know what happened. I think there's cameras all over this court. We can show the whole incident from people coming and getting the ball, people getting in my face. I don't want to get into all those things.

"I don't know if I should apologize because I don't feel like I did anything wrong, except the ladder just fell. I feel like it's my right for me to work on my skills after a horrible night from the free-throw line. I think anybody in my position that had a night like me would go out and work on his free throws. And if they didn't, they don't really care about their game."

Word spread quickly through the Wells Fargo Center. Harrell, who was still on the other end of the court talking to a group of individuals, including some 76ers staffers, started to walk toward Antetokounmpo, shouting at him for mistreating the arena employee.

Harrell never made it past half court, as team employees were able to get him to turn around and head to the Philadelphia locker room.

"Aye make sure you get the complete story," Harrell tweeted afterward. "I ask the man can he get off the court so I can workout they had to change the court over he ignore me so hey that's what you get! Respect is respect! GOODNIGHT!

CNMI, Guam renew rivalry in Turkey Cross

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Marianas Racing Association will hold its annual Turkey Cross Race this weekend, Dec. 26 and 27, at the Cowtown Race Track with riders from Guam International Raceway Motorcycle and ATV Club coming to the island.

MRA president Charles Cepeda said the club is looking forward to putting on its yearly Turkey Cross Race especially as it renews its friendly rivalry with Guam motocross enthusiasts.

"This continues a longtime friendship between Guam and the CNMI through the sport of motocross. Just as there have been rivalry in other sports, the athletes' connections between the two islands are always strong no matter what sport and motocross is no exception in the bond and connection between those in the sport for a long time," he said.

Cepeda added that the CNMI and Guam renewing its motocross rivalry hopefully will also inspire the younger motocross generation.

"The expectation of some legends from Guam and CNMI joining in on race day is an excellent example for our younger riders that have just started in the sport. Racing hard on the track builds friendly rivalry amongst the motocross family forever. As president I invite the public to come both days, Saturday and Sunday to enjoy some awesome races put on by CNMI's best motocross rider against Guam's elite riders. We thank GIR-MAC for going through great efforts to come out to Cowtown for some motocross action. I also would like to thank the [Marianas Visitors Authority], Monster Energy, the Saipan Mayor's Office, Department of Public Works, and the Office of the Governor in their support to sports tourism," he said.

LAO ZHANG

The best riders from the CNMI and Guam will converge this weekend in Marianas Racing Association's annual Turkey Cross Race at the Cowtown Race Track

Cepeda also acknowledged MRA's great team of officers made up of vice president Cuki Alvarez, secretary Eleanor Cepeda, treasurer Dave Burger, and director Bridgette Camacho.

Alvarez, for his part, views this weekend's Turkey Cross as a chance to see where CNMI riders stand against their counterparts from Guam.

"Guam has remained active in motocross throughout the years whereas MRA died out and discontinued racing after 2009. But we made a strong comeback in 2020 and have been consistently racing ever since. So I definitely expect a close race between the two islands and it will be very exciting to see who wins! It will be the best riders from Guam against the best riders from Saipan," he said.

The red plates of a total of 14 divisions will be up for grabs in this year's Turkey Cross—Peewee 1, Peewee 2, Peewee ATV, Mini ATV, Power Puff Girls, Mamas Only, Minis 1, Minis 2, ATV Big Boys, Novice Open, Intermediate Open, Expert Open, Legends, and Veterans.

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still being constructed. The GOC, in partnership with the Solomon Islands government and assistance of numerous regional partners, has invested close to $120 million in facilities and other projects for the Games. These include major road infrastructure projects, the new 10,000-seater capacity stadium, aquatics center, six-court tennis center, and indoor recreation center.

The 2023 Solomon Islands Pacific Games will run from Nov. 17 to Dec. 2 with the athletes' villages opening as early as Nov. 14 and closing on Dec. 4, while the opening ceremony is scheduled for Nov. 19. The games will feature 27 sports.

Meanwhile, the Northern Marianas Sports Association and its member-federations look forward to Gross' return to Saipan to gain detailed information that will help athletes and officials in their preparations for the 2023 Solomon Islands Pacific Games. Gross will be back on island this Wednesday. The NMSA also thanked Gross for accepting the challenges and responsibilities that go with his designation as Team NMI chef de mission to next year's games.

"Nick has been active member of the NMI sports community for more than a decade—serving as an athlete, coach, and administrator—and the work that he has done through the years, including those for the 2022 Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games, are testament to his commitment in our combined efforts to push for the continued development of sports in our islands. With his dedication to NMI sports, we are very confident that he will represent the islands well as Team NMI chef de mission and our athletes and officials will be in good hands," NMSA president Jerry Tan said. ***(PR)***

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Backe, Azriel Fatialofa, and Angelina George, was defeated in a blowout score of 37-85.

Lucero was the top scorer for the boys as he navigated the paint to score 25 points, followed by Lerio's 17 points. Mercado and Regalado scored 5 points each, Defang shot four, Navarro and Diaz scored 3, and Sablan, Han, and Rabongshe contributed 2 points each.

The boys made a few turnovers with FSM overpowering them defensively as they stole the ball away from the NMI nine times.

FSM was paced by the 28 points of Joshua Iehsi-Panuelo and the 19 points of Yu Nakasone.

Over in the girls' game, Azriel Fatialofa and Chavez twinned their way in the court with 14 points each, while teammates Abuan scored 4, Navarro scored 3, and Backe shot 2 points.

Guam was powered by the 17 points of Sazzanei Phayre Quintanilla and the 14 points of Lana Caparoso Quinata.

In other results, Australia topped Samoa, 105-36, in the other girls game, while New Zealand blasted Samoa, 104-44, in their boys encounter. Australia also beat Guam, 136-35.

Today, the NMI U15 boys will face off with the boys of Papua New Guinea at 2:30pm, with the girls facing off with PNG tomorrow at 10am.

The quarterfinals are set for Thursday, Nov. 24, the semifinals are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 25, and the finals are set for Saturday, Nov. 26.

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its opening match 2-0 to Ecuador, the fan zone in central Doha became a chaotic scene as tens of thousands of fans were pushed against police lines to enter the venue. Fans were trying access the enclosed area that contained big screens for viewing matches and buy beer.

Qatar is home to 3 million people, most of them migrant workers, and has spent more than $200 billion for improvements across the energy-rich country that's roughly the same size as the state of Connecticut or the island of Jamaica. Among the additions are seven new purpose-built venues, including the 60,000-seat Al Bayt Stadium that hosted Sunday's opening ceremony and first match.

OPENING GAME

Qatar became the first host country to lose its opening game in 92 years of World Cup history.

Qatar is on the global stage for the first time because it is the host nation, but it couldn't stop Ecuador captain Enner Valencia, who scored both goals in the first half.

INJURIES

Two of the best players in the world were ruled out of the tournament with injuries before it even began.

France striker Karim Benzema, the Ballon d'Or winner, is out after hurting his left thigh during training on Saturday. Senegal forward Sadio Mane, runner-up to Benzema in voting for world player of the year, is out with a leg injury he picked up last week while playing for Bayern Munich.

Previously, France midfielders Paul Pogba and N'Golo Kante were ruled out, as was Germany striker Timo Werner. Belgium striker Romelu Lukaku and South Korea captain Son Heung-min arrived in Qatar with lingering injuries.

SHOW ME THE MONEY

Awarding the World Cup to Qatar has been a financial boon to FIFA as the governing body of soccer said it earned record revenues of $7.5 billion in the four years of commercial deals tied to this year's tournament.

The money haul is $1 billion more than income from the previous commercial cycle of the 2018 World Cup in Russia. The extra money this year was boosted by local sponsorship deals, including Qatar Energy, which joined as a top-tier sponsor. Qatari bank QNB and telecoms firm Ooredoo are also sponsors.

New to the sponsorship packages this year is crypto.com, the first new American sponsor in more than a decade.

WHAT'S NEXT

The United States returns to the World Cup after missing the 2018 tournament in Russia and opens play on Monday against Gareth Bale-led Wales.

Bale has been playing for Los Angeles FC and helped them win the MLS Cup earlier this month.

The United States has one of the youngest squads in the 32-team tournament. Three of the Americans — Gio Reyna, Joe Scally and Yusuf Musah — were only 11 years old the last time the national team played a World Cup match.

DeAndre Yedlin, a 29-year-old defender, is the only holdover from the American team eliminated by Belgium in the second round eight years ago. Yedlin, Christian Pulisic, Kellyn Acosta and Tim Ream are the only four players who were on the squad when it failed to qualify for Russia.

OTHER GAMES

The first full day of competition also includes a Group B match between heavily-favored England against Iran at Khalifa International Stadium, and the Netherlands against Senegal at Al Thumama Stadium in Group A.

England is one of the favorites and was a semifinalist four years ago in Russia, plus a runner-up at last year's European Championship. But the Three Lions came to Qatar winless in their last six games, hoping their strong track record in recent major tournaments turns the team around.

ONE LOVE

Eight of the 13 team captains from European nations planned to wear "One Love" armbands promoting inclusivity and LGBTQ rights in Qatar, where same-sex relationships are outlawed.

Among those who had committed to the armbands are Bale and England striker Harry Kane.

But FIFA equipment rules prohibit such armbands. Tournament rules require "match staff must wear official clothing and equipment provided by FIFA, including FIFA event badges specified and provided by FIFA."

If the armbands are deemed inappropriate, players wearing them could be fined or shown yellow cards.

The England squad has indicated it is willing to be fined for wearing the armband, as did Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer, who answered "yes" when asked if he planned to move ahead with the silent protest.

FIFA has launched its own captain's armband in response, in conjunction with the United Nations, that will promote a different campaign for each round of the tournament. The theme for the quarterfinals is "no discrimination." There is no indication LGBTQ rights will be part of any of the campaigns.

Read up on all 32 teams who will be playing in the World Cup.

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Team NMI chef de mission Nick Gross, front row third left, attends the Chef De Mission meeting for the 2023 Solomon Islands Pacific Games in Honiara last Saturday.

Veteran athlete and CNMI Public School System Athletic Program director Nick Gross has been named Team NMI chef de mission to the 2023 Pacific Games and he recently attended a meeting in the Solomon Islands to gain more information about next year's competition.

Gross attended the CDM Meeting in Honiara last Saturday and also joined other nations participating in the 2023 Solomon Islands Pacific Games in site visits of venues and athletes villages.

"The amount of ongoing construction, planning, and preparations being done by the GOC (Games Organizing Committee), Prime Ministers Administration, Pacific Games Council, and other stakeholders is quite incredible. The investment in sporting facilities to support the delivery of the Games will allow our NMI athletes the opportunity to compete in truly world-class venues," Gross said.

"Although the travel and time required to attend this 'one year out Chef de Mission' meeting has been long and cumbersome, I, along with the Pacific Games Associations (PGAs) really appreciated the updates and information that will greatly assist the NMI in preparing our delegation for competing in this quadrennial event," he added.

Gross and the representatives of 19 other countries toured the 17 sports venues and six athletes' villages (schools) plus the main dining hall and other facilities that are

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Qatar loses opener, US up on Day 2

AP

Ecuador's Felix Torres, center, duels for the ball with Qatar's Abdulaziz Hatem, right, during the World Cup, group A soccer match between Qatar and Ecuador at the Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022.

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DOHA, Qatar (AP) — The first World Cup in the Middle East finally began Sunday night with a flashy opening ceremony and a match between Qatar and Ecuador without any beer for sale in the stadium.

The beer ban imposed two days before the start of the tournament was the latest controversial snag for a global event already under scrutiny for Qatar's human rights record and the emirates' push to ready the nation for the most compact World Cup in history.

And as Qatar was dropping

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CNMI U15 teams lose FIBA debuts

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The girls and boys CNMI U15 national teams both lost their debut games in the FIBA U15 Oceania Championships held at the University of Guam Calvo Field House yesterday.

In the morning, the U15 boys team composed of Michael Mercado Jr., Jay Pineda, Christian Lucero, Lance Lerio, Leonard Regalado, Jezpher Navarro, Austin Diaz, Slymark Defang, Onick Ragbonshe, Ethan Sablan, Mjay Capalad, and Kern Han fell to first-time FIBA Oceania competitor, Federated States of Micronesia, 68-89.

Later in the afternoon, the U15 girls team consisting of Chealzka Navarro, Aaleyah Fatialofa, Andrei Kaithlynn Chavez, Mia Abuan, Tamia Hix, Aiyana Fatialofa, Maria Enriquez, Valerie Estella, Mya Pangelinan, Asa

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FIBA OCEANIA

The NMI's Austin Diaz goes up against FSM's Joshua Iehs-Panuelo in the 2022 FIBA U15 Oceania Championships yesterday at the University of Guam Field House.